

If this petition is granted, this would mean that the large phone companies would no longer be subject to regulatory review of their broadband pricing to independent ISPs like Sonic.net which I use. As a result the ISP's would have to individually negotiate pricing and the ability to interconnect, which would undoubtedly raise prices.

The more serious threat is that it is even possible that the phone companies could, in the long run, refuse to provide the necessary connections for the ISP's DSL service, and I would be unable to get DSL at all. Believe me this would impact my voting and result in letters to my congressman. Please make the right decision.